

# Religion

## Chapter 2

Jesus Leads us to Happiness

# Vocabulary

- **Peace**-the freedom that comes from living and trusting God and respecting all people.
- **Beatitudes**-teachings of Jesus that describe the way to live as his disciples.
- **Kingdom of God**-the power of God's love active in the world
- **Justice**-respecting the rights of others and giving them what is rightfully theirs
- **Mission**-the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and spreading the Kingdom of God.

# We Believe

- **Jesus knew he could trust his Father in Heaven.**
- Examples of His trust:
- When the Devil tempted Jesus in the desert, Jesus showed his trust by telling the Devil to go away. He said:
- The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve. (Matthew 4:10)
- Jesus also showed his trust through prayer:
- Prayed by himself, with his disciples, as he healed and forgave people, and while he thanked his father
- Jesus trusted his Father on the night before he died. Even in his suffering, he trusted in his Father's will.

Jesus asks us to live as the Father wants us to live.

- Jesus asks us to:
  - Trust in God's love
  - Trust in God's care

# The Beatitudes

- In the Beatitudes the word *blessed* means *happy*
- Jesus explains in the Beatitudes that we will be happy when we love God and trust him as Jesus did.

# The Beatitudes

# Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

- We are “poor in spirit” when we depend on God and make God more important than anyone or anything else in our lives



# Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted

- We mourn when we are sad because of the selfish ways people treat one another





# Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land

- We are meek when we are patient, kind, and respectful to all people, even those who do not respect us



Blessed are they who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness for they will  
be satisfied

- We hunger and thirst for  
righteousness when we search  
for justice and treat everyone  
fairly



# Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

- We are merciful when we forgive others and do not take revenge on those who hurt us



Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God

- We are clean of heart when we are faithful to God's teachings and try to see God in all people and in all situations



Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called the  
children of God

- We are peacemakers when we treat others with love and respect and when we help others to stop fighting and make peace



Help me not to fight back  
when people upset me.

Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness, for  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven

- We are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness when others disrespect  
us for living as disciples of Jesus and  
following his example



# Jesus' message for those who live the Beatitudes

- “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” (Matthew 5:12)

# We Believe

- The Kingdom of God was an important part of Jesus' teaching
- It is shown in Jesus' words and actions
- Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God would grow if people believed and shared in God's love.



# Importance of the Beatitudes

- The Beatitudes are important because they give us a picture of the way we should act and think
- How to live as Christians

# When will the Kingdom of God come?

- Jesus taught us that the Kingdom of God had already begun
- God's Kingdom is a kingdom of love and justice
- When we are forgiving, merciful, just, and faithful to God, we help to build the Kingdom of God
- God's Kingdom grows as more and more people receive God's love and justice

# Jesus' Mission

- Jesus spread the message of God's love everywhere He went. This was his mission.
- The mission of the disciples

# Mission of the Disciples

- Jesus asked the disciples to share the message of God's love after He ascended into Heaven. Share the Good News of Jesus and to spread the Kingdom of God
- They carried out their mission by:
  - They told other the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God who died and rose to save us from sin
  - They baptized those who heard the Good News and believed
  - They gathered to praise God and break bread as Jesus did in the Last Supper
  - They showed by their words and actions that God's love was active in their lives and in the world
  - They reached out to the poor and healed the sick and suffering

# The Church's Mission

**To continue Jesus' work and the work of the Apostles**

- In Baptism, we become disciples
- We are called to continue Jesus' work
- During the Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of Christ
- We are strengthened and led by the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit helps us to share the Good News and the Kingdom of God.